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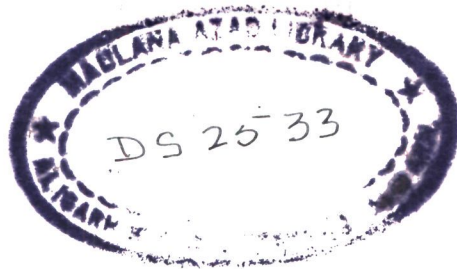
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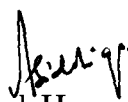



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# PREFACE

*Variational inequalities are mathematical models, in terms of operators of different physical phenomena. This topic has been originated from the study of Signorini problems by Fichera [28] and Stampacchia [91], separately. This has been developed recently by some well known mathematicians. Application of variational inequalities to variety of problems are very impressive and have great contribution to the richness of this field. Moreover some of these developments have been employed in other areas of mathematical and engineering sciences including elasticity, transportation and economics, equilibrium theory, nonlinear programming and operations research. Now a vast literature is available on the theory of linear variational inequalities and their applications to different areas but numerical solution of variational inequalities in terms of nonlinear operators is still an unexplored field.*

*The main objective of this work is to present a brief introduction to various types of variational inequalities and their existence theory in different spaces.*

*There are five chapters in this dissertation. Chapter I, contains basic definitions and notations which have been used in the subsequent chapters. In chapter II, the general error estimates for variational and general variational inequalities are discussed and an application of error estimation for variational inequality is also presented. chapter III, deals with the Wiener-Hopf equations and variational inequalities. The equivalence between these two are also studied and convergence of approximate solution to the exact solution are discussed. In chapter IV, The*

*existence theory of variational - like inequalities in Euclidean space, reflexive Banach space and Hausdorff topological vector space has been discussed. Existence without convexity has been studied. The existence theory of vector variational and general vector variational inequalities in different spaces is presented in chapter V.*



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# CHAPTER-1

If  $u_n \rightarrow u$  strongly in  $K$  and (1.2.7) holds,  $F$  is said to be lower semicontinuous. Similarly upper semicontinuous can be defined

DEFINITION 1.2.3. A real valued function  $F$  defined on a convex subset  $K$  of  $X$  is said to be quasi-concave if for every real number  $t > 0$ , the set  $\{u \in K : F(u) > t\}$  is convex,  $F$  is said to be quasi-convex if  $-F$  is quasi-concave.

DEFINITION 1.2.4. A subset  $K$  of  $R^n$  is said to be contractible if there is a point  $u \in K$  and a continuous function  $g : K \times [0,1] \rightarrow K$  is such that  $g(v,0) = v$  and  $g(v,1) = u$ , for all  $v \in K$ .

Remark 1.2.1. Every convex set is contractible but converse is not true.

DEFINITION 1.2.5. [74]. Let  $X$  be a real linear space. A nonempty subset  $C$  of  $X$  is called

(I) Cone if

$$C + C = C \text{ and } \lambda C \subset C, \text{ for any } \lambda > 0, \lambda \in R$$

(II) a pointed cone if

$$C \text{ is a cone and } C \cap (-C) = \{0\}$$

DEFINITION 1.2.6. A polar cone is denoted by  $C^*$  and defined as

$$C^* = \{u^* \in X^*: (u^*, u) \geq 0, \text{ for every } u \in C\}$$

DEFINITION 1.2.7. A mapping  $T : H \rightarrow H^*$  is called

(I) monotone, if

$$\langle T(u) - T(v), u - v \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u, v \in K,$$

(II) strictly monotone, if

$$\langle T(u) - T(v), u - v \rangle = 0, \text{ iff } u = v, \text{ for all } u, v \in H$$

(III) antimonotone, if

$$\langle T(u) - T(v), u - v \rangle \leq 0, \text{ for all } u, v \in H.$$

(IV) lipschitz continuous, if there exists a constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$||T(u) - T(v)|| \leq \gamma ||u - v||^2, \text{ for all } u, v \in H$$

(V) hemicontinuous, if for every  $u, v \in H$ , the map

$$t \rightarrow \langle T(u + tv), v \rangle \text{ is continuous at } 0^+$$

(VI)  $\alpha$ -strongly monotone, if there exists a constant  $\alpha > 0$ , such that

$$\langle T(u) - T(v), u - v \rangle \geq \alpha ||u - v||^2, \forall u, v \in H$$

DEFINITION 1.2.8. [8]. A multivalued mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is called the KKM-mapping if for every finite subset  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  of  $X$ ,  $\text{Conv} \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n F(u_i)$ .

The following results are used in Chapter 4 and 5 to prove the results.

THEOREM (Ky Fan) 1.2.1. [25]. Let  $K$  be a non empty set in a Hausdorff topological vector space  $X$ . Let  $F : K \rightarrow 2^X$  be KKM-mapping. If  $F(u)$  is closed for all  $u \in K$  and is compact for at least one  $u \in K$ , then  $\bigcap_{u \in K} F(u) \neq \emptyset$ .

THEOREM 1.2.2. [85]. Let  $E$  be a nonempty compact convex set in a Hausdorff topological vector space.

Let  $A$  be a subset of  $E \times E$  having the following properties:

- (1) for every  $u \in E$ ,  $(u, u) \in A$
- (2) for each fixed  $u \in E$  the set  $A_u = \{v \in E : (u, v) \in A\}$  is closed in  $E$ ,
- (3) for each fixed  $v \in E$  the set  $A_v = \{u \in E : (u, v) \in A\}$  is closed in  $E$ ,

Then there exist a point  $v_0 \in E$  such that  $E \times \{v_0\} \subset A$ .

The following definition is suggested by a recent generalization of KKM-theorem obtained by C. Horvath [37].

DEFINITION 1.2.9. [37]. Let  $X$  be a topological space and let  $\{\Gamma_A\}$  be a given family of nonempty and contractible subsets of  $X$ , indexed by finite subset of  $X$ .

- (I) A pair  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  is said to be an **H-space** if and only if  $A \subset B$  implies  $\Gamma_A \subset \Gamma_B$ .
- (II) A subset  $D \subset X$  is called **H-convex** if and only if  $\Gamma_A \subset D$  hold for every finite subset  $A \subset D$ .
- (III) A subset  $D \subset X$ , is called **weakly H-convex** if and only if  $\Gamma_A \cap D$  is nonempty and contractible for every finite subset  $A \subset D$ . This is equivalent to showing that the pair  $(D, \{\Gamma_A \cap D\})$  is an H-space.
- (IV) A subset  $K \subset X$  is called **H-compact** if and only if there exist a compact and weakly H-convex set  $D \subset X$  such that  $K \cup A \subset D$  for every finite subset  $A \subset X$ .

DEFINITION 1.2.10. [8]. A multivalued mapping  $F : X \rightarrow 2^X$  is called **H-KKM mapping** if  $\Gamma_A \subset \bigcup_{u \in A} F(u)$  for every finite subset  $A \subset X$ .

THEOREM 1.2.3. [8]. Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  be an H-space and  $F: X \rightarrow 2^X$  be an H-KKM multivalued map such that

- (a) for each  $u \in E$ ,  $F(x)$  is compactly closed, that is  $B \cap F(u)$  is closed in  $B$ , for every compact set  $B \subset X$
- (b) there exist a compact set  $L \subset X$  and an  $H$ -compact set  $K \subset X$  such that, for each weakly  $H$ -convex set  $D$  with  $K \subset D \subset X$  we have  $\bigcap_{u \in D} (F(u) \cap D) \subset L$

Then

$$\bigcap_{u \in X} F(u) \neq \emptyset.$$

### 1.3. SOBOLEV SPACES

DEFINITION 1.3.1. [74]. The Sobolev space of order 1 on  $\Omega$  (an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ), denoted by  $H^1(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$H^1(\Omega) = \{f \in L_2(\Omega) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \in L_2(\Omega), 1 \leq i \leq N\} \quad (1.3.1)$$

where  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  are derivative in the sense of distribution.

REMARK 1.3.1. (i) If  $n = 1$ ,  $\Omega = [a, b]$ ,  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  then

$$H^1(a, b) = \{f \in L_2(a, b) : \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \in L_2(a, b)\} \quad (1.3.2)$$

(ii)  $f \in L_2(\Omega)$  need not imply  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \in L_2(\Omega)$

for example,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x > 0 \end{cases}, \quad \Omega = [-1, 1]$$

$$f \in L_2(\Omega), \text{ but } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \delta(0) \notin L_2(\Omega)$$

THEOREM 1.3.1. [74].  $H^1(\Omega)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product,

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{1, L_2(\Omega)} = \langle f, g \rangle_{L_2(\Omega)} + \sum_{i=1}^N \left\langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_i} \right\rangle_{L_2(\Omega)} \quad (1.3.3)$$

REMARK 1.3.2. If  $\Omega = [a, b]$ , then  $H^1(a, b)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x)g(x)dx + \int_a^b \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} dx. \quad (1.3.4)$$

DEFINITION 1.3.2. [74]. For any integer  $m$  and  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  the Sobolev space (generalized) is the space of all functions  $f \in L_p(\Omega)$  whose all derivatives in the sense of distribution of order  $\leq m$  also belongs to  $L_p(\Omega)$ , that is

$$W^{m,p}(\Omega) = \{f \in L_p(\Omega) : D^\alpha f \in L_p(\Omega), \text{ for all } \alpha, |\alpha| \leq m\} \quad (1.3.5)$$

$W^{m,p}(\Omega)$  is a Banach space with the norm,

$$\|f\|_{W^{m,p}} = \left[ \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \|D^\alpha f\|_{L_p(\Omega)}^p \right]^{1/p} \quad (1.3.6)$$



For  $p = 2$ , we write  $W^{m,2}(\Omega) = H^m(\Omega)$ ,  $H^m(\Omega)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle_{H^m(\Omega)} &= \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \langle D^\alpha f, D^\alpha g \rangle_{L_2(\Omega)} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \left[ \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} D^\alpha(f) D^\alpha(g) \right] dx \end{aligned} \quad (1.3.7)$$

The norm induced by this inner product is

$$\|f\|_{H^m(\Omega)} = \left[ \langle f, f \rangle_{H^m(\Omega)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (1.3.8)$$

$H^m(\Omega)$  is called a Sobolev space of order  $m$ .

$$H_0^m(\Omega) = \{f: f \in H^m(\Omega) \text{ and } \frac{\partial^k f}{\partial n^k} \Big|_{\Gamma} = 0, 0 \leq k \leq m-1\}$$

where  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$  is the outward normal derivative on the boundary  $\Gamma$ .

#### 1.4. THE FINITE ELEMENT METHOD:

The finite element is concerned with the construction of finite dimensional subspace of functional spaces specially Sobolev spaces and study of abstract variational problems and in general, Variational Inequalities on such subspaces. This reduces BVPs to the study of matrix equations and inequalities which can be handled through computer. Structural engineers

like Argyris, Turner, Clough, Martin and Top have been using the finite element method in structural analysis since 1954. However a mathematical breakthrough came in the paper of Zlamal in 1968 and a sound mathematical theory of this topic has been developed in the last two decades.

Let  $V_h$  be the finite dimensional subspace of a given Hilbert space  $V$ . Then finding  $u_h \in V_h$  such that

$$a(u_h, v_h) = f(v_h), \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h \quad (1.4.1)$$

is known as approximate variational problem. Both the problems (1.2.1) and (1.4.1) possess unique solutions if  $a(.,.)$  is bilinear, continuous and coercive [74]

THEOREM 1.5.1. [74]. (Cea's Lemma). Let  $u$  and  $u_h$  denote the solutions of (1.2.1) and (1.4.1) respectively, there exists a constant  $C$  independent of the subspace  $V_h$  such that

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq C \inf \|u - v_h\| \text{ for all } v_h \in V_h \quad (1.4.2)$$

REMARK 1.4.1. The inequality (1.4.2) shows that the problem of estimating the error  $\|u - u_h\|$  is reduced to a problem in approximation theory namely, the evaluation of the distance  $d(u, V_h) = \inf \|u - v_h\|$  between  $u \in V$  and the subspace  $V_h$  of

COROLLARY 1.4.1. Suppose there exist a dense subspace  $U$  of  $V$  and a mapping  $\gamma_h: U \rightarrow V$  such that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} ||v - \gamma_h v|| = 0$  for all  $v \in U$ . Then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} ||u - u_h|| = 0 \quad (1.4.2)$$

DEFINITION 1.4.1. Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  be a polygonal domain. Then a finite collection of triangles  $T_h$  is called triangulation if the following conditions are satisfied.

(i)  $\bar{\Omega} = \bigcup_{K \in T_h} \bar{K}$ ,  $\bar{K}$  denotes a triangulation with boundary.

(ii)  $K_1 \cap K_2 = \emptyset$  for  $K_1, K_2 \in T_h$ ,  $K_1 \neq K_2$

(iii)  $\bar{K}_1 \cap \bar{K}_2 =$  a vertex or a side, that is, if we consider two triangles, their boundaries may have one vertex common or one side common.

REMARK 1.4.2. Let  $P(K)$  be a function space defined on  $K \in T_h$  such that  $P(K) \subset H^1(K)$ . Generally,  $P(K)$  will be space of some degree.

THEOREM 1.4.2.[74]. Let  $C^0(\Omega)$  be the space of continuous real-valued function on  $\bar{\Omega}$  and

$$V_h = \{v_h \in C^0(\bar{\Omega}) : v_h|_K \in P(K), K \in T_h\} \quad (1.4.4)$$

where  $v_h|_K$  denotes the restriction of  $v_h$  on  $K$  and  $P(K) \subset H^1(K)$ ; then  $V_h \subset H^1(\Omega)$ .

REMARK 1.4.3. Let  $h = \max_{K \in T_h} (\text{diameter of } K)$ ,  $N(h)$  = the number of nodes of the triangulation,  $P(K) = P_1(K)$  = space of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 1 in  $x$  and  $y$ ,

$$V_h = \{v_h : v_h|_K \in P_1(K), K \in T_h\} \quad (1.4.5)$$

(i) It can be seen that  $V_h \subset C^0(\bar{\Omega})$ .

(ii) The functions  $w_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N(h)$ , defined by

$$w_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{at the } i\text{th node} \\ 0 & \text{at other nodes} \end{cases}$$

form a basis of  $V_h$ .

(iii) In view of (ii) and theorem (1.4.2),  $V_h$  defined in this remark is a subspace of  $H^1(\Omega)$  of dimension  $N(h)$ .

THEOREM 1.4.3.[74]. (Convergence Theorem). Let  $K_h \subset K$  and there exists  $U \subset V$  dense in  $K$  and  $\gamma_h : U \rightarrow K_h$  such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|\gamma_h v - v\|_V = 0 \quad \text{for all } v \in U \quad (1.4.6)$$

Then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|u - u_h\|_V = 0 \quad (1.4.7)$$

where  $u$  and  $u_h$  are solutions of (1.2.1) and (1.4.1) respectively.

# CHAPTER-II

## VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES AND ITS ERROR ESTIMATES

### 2.1. INTRODUCTION

Variational inequalities are now fundamental tool in studying the obstacle and unilateral problems arising in engineering and mathematical sciences. Finite element techniques are being applied for obtaining numerical solutions of variational inequalities. Using the piecewise linear elements, Falk [24], Mosco and Strang [59], Brezzi, Hagger and Raviart [11] have shown the  $O(h)$  convergence in the energy norm.

Using the unilateral approximation result of Mosco and Strang [59], Noor [61], obtained the error estimates for the finite element approximation of a class of variational inequalities in the  $L_2$ -norm, which are of order  $h^2$ . Siddiqi [77] derive a general abstract error estimate for general variational inequality.

In this chapter we discussed a method for obtaining general error estimates for the approximation of a class of variational inequalities. In Section 2.2 of this chapter we consider an approximation scheme and establish the general error

estimate. In Section 2.3, we studied the general error estimate for general variational inequality. In the last section, we discuss an application and find its error estimate by using finite element method.

## 2.2. APPROXIMATION SCHEME AND GENERAL ERROR ESTIMATE FOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY.

Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of  $H$  and  $f \in H'$  we then consider approximation of problems of following type:

PROBLEM 2.2.1. Find  $u \in K$  such that

$$a(u, v-u) \geq (f, v-u), \quad \forall v \in K \quad (2.2.1)$$

This problem is introduced by G. Stampacchia. In 1967 Lions and Stampacchia proved the first theorem of this field.

THEOREM 2.2.1 [48]. If  $a(.,.) : H \times H \rightarrow R$  is a continuous an coercive bilinear form on  $H$ , then problem (2.2.1) has a solution.

Let  $V_h$  be finite dimensional subspace of  $H$   $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^q$  is a basis of  $V_h$ . Then any arbitrary element  $v_h \in V_h$  can be written as

$$v_h = \sum_{i=1}^q \beta_i w_i, \quad \text{where } \beta_i \in R$$



Then we construct a closed convex subset  $K_h$  of  $V_h$  such that the following conditions are satisfied

- (I)  $K_h$  should reduce to a finite number of constraints on the  $\beta$
- (II)  $K_h$  should be a good approximation to  $K$ .

The approximate problem is as follows:

$$\text{PROBLEM 2.2.2} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Find } u_h \in K_h \text{ such that} \\ a(u_h, v_h - u_h) \geq (f, v_h - u_h), \quad \forall v_h \in K_h. \end{array} \right. \quad (2.2.2)$$

and we can show that this approximation problem has a unique solution by using Lions and Stampacchia theorem (2.2.1)

Suppose that  $W$  is a Hilbert space dense in  $H'$  and the injection  $W$  in to  $H'$  is continuous. Then there exist a continuous injection  $i : H \rightarrow W'$  such that  $i(H)$  is dense in  $W'$  and

$$(i(v), w)_{W, W'} = (v, w)_{H, H'}, \quad \forall v \in H, w \in W$$

we will henceforth identify  $H$  with a subspace of  $W$  dense in  $W'$  and pairing between  $H$  and  $H'$  and  $W$  and  $W'$  is denoted by  $(\dots)$ .

Now we state the following general error estimate.

**THEOREM 2.2.1.** [24]. Let  $u$  and  $u_h$  be the solution of problem (2.2.1) and (2.2.2), respectively  $A \in L(H, H')$  the map defined, for  $u \in H$ , by  $a(u, v) = (Au, v)$ ,  $\forall v \in H$ . Finally suppose that  $f - Au \in W$ . Then

$$\|u - u_h\| \leq \left\{ \frac{\beta^2}{\alpha^2} \|u - v_h\|_H^2 + \frac{2}{\alpha} \|f - Au\|_W [\|u - v_h\|_{W'} + \|u_h - v\|_{W'}] \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (2.2.3)$$

### 2.3. GENERAL ERROR ESTIMATE IN GENERAL VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY

Let  $K$  be a closed convex set in  $H$ . Given  $T, A, g: H \rightarrow H'$  the nonlinear continuous operators, we consider the following problem:

**PROBLEM 2.3.1.** [77]. Find  $u \in H$  such that

$$\langle Tu, g(v) - g(u) \rangle \geq \langle Au, g(v) - g(u) \rangle \quad \text{for all } g(u), g(v) \in K, \quad (2.3)$$

We present here a general estimate for the general variational inequality (2.3.1) which contains the result of Falk [24] as a special case. They hold for any finite dimensional subspace  $K$  and approximate constraint set  $K_h$  and represent a significant improvement of all the estimates for corresponding elliptic variational inequalities. We shall assume that

there exist a Hilbert space  $W$  which is densely and continuously imbedded in the dual space  $H'$ . It is possible to identify  $H$  with a subspace of  $W'$ , that is dense in  $W'$  by a continuous injection. Let  $K \subset H$  be a finite dimensional subspace and  $K_h \subset H$  be a finite dimensional convex set. An approximation of (2.3.1) is to find  $u_h \in K_h$  such that

$$\langle Tu, g(v_h) - g(u_h) \rangle \geq \langle A(u_h), g(v_h) - g(u_h) \rangle \quad (2.3.2)$$

with these hypothesis and preliminaries, we have the following error estimate.

**THEOREM 2.3.1.** [77]. Let  $u \in K$  and  $u_h \in K_h$  be the solution of (2.3.1) and (2.3.2) respectively. Let  $T$  and  $g$  be strongly monotone and lipschitz continuous operator. If  $A$  is a lipschitz continuous antimonotone operator, and  $Tu - Au \in W$ , then there exist a constant  $c > 0$ , such that

(i) For  $K_h \not\subset K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_h\| \leq C \{ & \|u - v_h\|_H^2 + \|v - u_h\|_H^2 + \|v_h - v\|_H^2 + \\ & + (\|A(u) - T(u)\|_W + \|u - v_h\|_W + \|A(u_h) - T(u_h)\|_W) \|u_h - v\|_W \}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $v \in K, v_h \in K_h$  (2.3.3)

$$(ii) \quad K_h \subset K,$$

$$\|u - u_h\| < \{ \|u - v_h\|_H^2 + (\|A(u) - T(u)\|_W \|u - v_h\|_W) \}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for all  $v_h \in K_h$  (2.3.4)

PROOF. Since  $u \in K$  and  $u_h \in K_h$  are solutions of (2.3.1) and (2.3.2) respectively so by adding these inequalities we get

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tu, g(v) - g(u) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(v_h) - g(u_h) \rangle &\geq \langle Au, g(v) - g(u) \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle Au_h, g(v_h) - g(u_h) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \langle Tu, g(v) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(v_h) \rangle + \langle Au, g(u) - g(v) \rangle + \langle Au_h, g(u_h) - g(v_h) \rangle \\ \geq \langle Tu, g(u) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(u_h) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \langle Tu, g(v) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(v_h) \rangle + \langle Au, g(u) - g(v) \rangle + \langle Au_h, g(u_h) - g(v_h) \rangle \\ - \{ \langle Tu, g(u_h) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(u) \rangle \} \geq - \{ \langle Tu, g(u_h) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(u) \rangle \} + \\ + \langle Tu, g(u) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(u_h) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } \langle Tu, g(v) - g(u_h) \rangle + \langle Tu_h, g(v_h) - g(u) \rangle + \langle Au, g(u) - g(v) \rangle + \\ + \langle Au_h, g(u_h) - g(v_h) \rangle \geq \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(u) - g(u_h) \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.5)$$

l.h.s of (2.3.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(v) - g(u_h) \rangle - \langle Tu_h, g(u_h) - g(v) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle - \langle Tu, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle Au, g(u) - g(v_h) + g(v_h) - g(v) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle Au_h, g(u_h) - g(v) + g(v) - g(v_h) \rangle \\
 &= \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(v) - g(u_h) \rangle + \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \{ \langle Au, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle + \langle Au, g(v_h) - g(v) \rangle \} \\
 &\quad + \{ \langle Au_h, g(u_h) - g(v) \rangle + \langle Au_h, g(v) - g(v_h) \rangle \} \\
 &\quad - \langle Tu, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle - \langle Tu_h, g(u_h) - g(v) \rangle \\
 &= \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(v) - g(u_h) \rangle + \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle Au - Tu, g(u) - g(v_h) \rangle + \langle Au_h - Tu_h, g(u_h) - g(v) \rangle \\
 &\quad + \langle Au - Au_h, g(v_h) - g(v) \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

or l.h.s of (2.3.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \beta \gamma \|u - u_h\| \|v - u_h\| + \beta \gamma \|u - u_h\| \|u - v_h\| + \\
 &\quad + \gamma \|Au - Tu\| \|u - v_h\| + \gamma \|Au_h - Tu_h\| \|u_h - v\| \\
 &\quad + \sigma \gamma \|u - u_h\| \|v_h - v\| \tag{2.3.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

and r.h.s of (2.3.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \langle Tu - Tu_h, g(u) - g(u_h) \rangle \\
 &= \langle Tu - Tu_h, u - u_h \rangle - \langle Tu - Tu_h, (u - u_h) - (g(u) - g(u_h)) \rangle \\
 &\geq \alpha \|u - u_h\|^2 - \|Tu - Tu_h\| \|(u - u_h) - (g(u) - g(u_h))\| \\
 &\geq \alpha \|u - u_h\|^2 - \beta \sqrt{1 - 2\delta + \gamma^2} \|u - u_h\|^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or r.h.s} \geq (\alpha - \beta \sqrt{1 - 2\delta + \gamma^2}) \|u - u_h\|^2 \quad (2.3.7)$$

The result follows from (2.3.6) and (2.3.7) and keeping in mind the Young inequality  $ab \leq \epsilon a^2 + \frac{1}{4\epsilon} b^2$ , for points  $a, b$  and  $\epsilon > 0$

(2.3.4) is a special case of (2.3.3) for  $v = v_h$  if we keep in mind that  $\|v_h - u_h\|_H \leq \|v_h - u\|_H + \|u - u_h\|_H$ .

REMARK 2.3.1. If  $g = I$   $Au = f$  and  $T = A$  then theorem (2.3.1) reduces to theorem (2.2.1).

## 2.4. AN APPLICATION

We consider the special case when the problem (2.2.1) is defined in the following setting. Let  $H = H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $H' = H^{-1}(\Omega)$  and  $W = W' = L^2(\Omega)$ . For  $u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ , let

$$a(u, v) = \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \int_{\Omega} a_{ij}(x) u_{x_i} v_{x_j} dx + \int_{\Omega} C(x) uv dx$$

where  $\sum_{i,j=1}^2 a_{ij} \xi_i \xi_j \geq \bar{\alpha} |\xi|^2$ ,  $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and some  $\alpha > 0$

suppose that  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  so that  $a(u, v)$  is symmetric and let  $a_{ij} \in C^1(\bar{\Omega})$  and  $C \in L^\infty(\Omega)$ . Then there exist a constant  $\beta > 0$  such that

$$|a(u, v)| \leq \beta \|u\|_{1, \Omega} \|v\|_{1, \Omega} \quad \forall u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$$

Further, suppose that  $C(x) \geq \lambda$  where  $\lambda$  is either negative or nonnegative with sufficiently small absolute value so that  $a(u, v)$  is coercive on  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ , i.e.

$$a(u, v) \geq \alpha \|v\|^2 \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(\Omega) \text{ and } \alpha > 0$$

is a constant

Let  $A$  be an operator defined by  $Au = - \sum_{i,j=1}^2 (a_{ij} x_i) x_j + cu$

Then, for  $u, v \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $a(u, v) = (Au, v)$ , and since  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$ ,

$A$  is a self adjoint second order elliptic operator mapping

$$H_0^1(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-1}(\Omega).$$

Finally, suppose that  $f \in L^2(\Omega)$  and  $\chi$  is a given function in  $H^2(\Omega)$  such that  $\chi \leq 0$  on  $\partial(\Omega)$ . In terms of the above notation, we will consider the approximation of problem (2.2.1) where,

$$K = \{v \in H_0^1(\Omega) : v \geq \chi \text{ a.e. in } \Omega\}$$

The approximation scheme we use for this problem will be of general type described as in Section 2. i.e., we will replace problem (2.2.1) by minimization problem (2.2.2) which can be solved by mathematical techniques. Here we need only explicit choices for finite dimensional subspace  $V_h \subset H_0^1(\Omega)$  and approximate convex set  $K_h \subset V_h$ . We first describe the construction of  $V_h$ .

Let  $h$ ,  $0 < h < 1$ , be a parameter and, for each value of  $h$  let  $\Omega_h$  be a polygon inscribed in  $\Omega$  with all its vertices lying on  $\partial\Omega$  and each side of the polygon of length less or equal to  $h$ . Now subdivide  $\Omega_h$  in to triangles  $T_q$   $q = 1, 2, \dots, N_h$  such that the following two conditions are satisfied.

(i) The ratio of any two triangles sides in the triangulation is bounded by a const  $b$  independent of  $h$ .



(ii) All the angles in the triangulation are greater or equal to some angle  $\phi$  independent of  $h$ .

Using the terminology [60], we will henceforth refer to a triangulation satisfying condition (i) and (ii) as  $\phi$ -b regular.

Now, define  $V_h = \{v_h : v_h \text{ is linear in each triangle } T_q, q = 1, 2, \dots, N_h, \text{ continuous on } \Omega \text{ and } v_h = 0 \text{ in } \Omega - \Omega_h\}$ . Clearly,  $V_h$  is a finite dimensional subspace of  $H_0^1(\Omega)$ .

Finally, define  $K_h = \{v_h \in V_h : v_h \geq \chi \text{ at every vertex of each triangle } T_q, q=1, 2, \dots, N_h\}$ . Clearly  $K_h$  is closed convex subset of  $V_h$  and satisfies condition (1) of Section 2. Since  $K_h$  reduces to a finite number of linear constraints the approximation minimization problem (2.2.2) becomes a problem in quadratic programming.

Now we will state the following error estimate for the approximation scheme defined as above.

**THEOREM 2.4.1.** [24]. Let  $u$  and  $u_h$  be the solution of problem (2.2.1) and (2.2.2) respectively with  $K$  and  $K_h$  defined as above. There exist a constant  $C$  independent of  $u$  and depending upon the data  $\Omega, f, \chi, a_{ij}$  and  $c$  such that

$$\|u - u_h\|_{1, \Omega} \leq Ch.$$

# CHAPTER - III

## WIENER-HOPF EQUATION AND VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

### 3.1. INTRODUCTION.

Variational inequalities and Wiener-Hopf equations are of course two different subjects. In this chapter we discuss the equivalence between the variational inequality with Wiener-Hopf equation in the sense that, if one of them has a solution so does the other one. This allows one's to study these subjects with a unified point of view and to transplant techniques suitable for equations into inequality. Shi [73], has shown that the variational inequality (3.2.1) are equivalent to Wiener-Hopf equation and as an application he discussed the convergence of an iteration scheme for parabolic variational inequalities with unilateral constraints.

Recently, Noor [67], has shown, that general variational inequalities are equivalent to general Wiener-Hopf equations. This equivalence is useful for the numerical point of views and he suggests and analyse a number of new iterative algorithms for computing approximate solutions of general variational inequalities. He also study the conditions under which

the approximate solutions obtained from iterative algorithms converges to the exact solution of the general variational inequalities.

In Section 3.2, we discuss the theory of equivalence of variational inequality with Wiener-Hopf equations. The equivalence of general variational inequality with general Wiener-Hopf equation is discussed in Section 3.3. In Section 3.4 of this chapter convergence analysis is discussed.

### 3.2. EQUIVALENCE OF VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY WITH WIENER-HOPF EQUATION

Let  $P_k$  be the projection operator and  $Q_k = I - P_k$ , where  $I$  is the Identity mapping. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary operator defined on  $D(A) \subset H$ , which maps  $D(A)$  into  $H$ . For a given  $f \in H$ , consider the variational inequality.

Find  $u \in D(A) \cap K$  such that

$$(Au, v-u) \geq (f, v-u), \quad \forall v \in K \quad (3.2.1)$$

The nonlinear equation,

$$(AP_k + Q_k) v = f \quad (3.2.2)$$

is called a generalized Wiener-Hopf equation. Here  $v \in H$ ,

is to be found. If  $K$  is a closed subspace and the projection operators  $P_k$  and  $Q_k$  are linear operators, then (3.2.2) reduces a linear equation, provided  $A$  is linear. The different types of examples of generalized linear Wiener-Hopf equations are given in [92].

Here we present some results showing equivalence between variational inequality problem and Wiener-Hopf equation.

**THEOREM 3.2.1.** [73]. The variational inequality (3.2.1) has a solution  $u$  if and only if the Wiener-Hopf equation (3.2.1) has a solution  $v$ . Moreover,  $v = u + f - Au$ , and  $u = P_k v$

**THEOREM 3.2.2** [73]. The variational inequality (3.2.1) has a unique solution for each  $f$  if and only if the Wiener-Hopf equation (3.2.2) has a unique solution for each  $f$ . In this case, the operator  $AP_k + Q_k$  is surjective and one to one. The solution of (3.2.1) is given by the formula

$$u = P_k (AP_k + Q_k)^{-1} f \quad (3.2.3)$$

**THEOREM 3.2.3** [73]. Suppose  $A$  is linear, one-to-one mapping from  $H$  on to  $H$  and  $K$  is closed convex cone with vertex at the origin. Then a necessary condition for (3.2.1) to have

a solution for each  $f$  is that the operator  $A$  admits a Wiener-Hopf factorization; i.e.

$$A = A_- A_+ \quad \text{with} \quad A_+ P_k = P_k A_- Q_k = Q_k \quad (3.2.4)$$

### 3.3. EQUIVALENCE OF GENERAL VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY WITH WIENER-HOPF EQUATION

Let  $T, g : H \rightarrow H$  are the nonlinear continuous operators, we consider the problem to find  $u \in H$  such that  $g(u) \in K$ , and

$$\langle T(u), g(v) - g(u) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } g(v) \in K \quad (3.3.1)$$

The inequality (3.3.1) is known as general variational inequality, which was studied by Noor [64], in the study of odd order obstacle problems.

Let  $P_k$  be the projection operator of  $H$  in to  $K$ , and let  $Q_k = I - P_k$ , where  $I$  is the identity operator.  $T, g : H \rightarrow H$ , are nonlinear operators. If  $g^{-1}$  exists, then we consider the problem to

Find  $z \in H$  such that

$$T g^{-1} P_k z + \rho^{-1} Q_k z = 0 \quad (3.3.2)$$

where  $\rho > 0$ , is a constant.

Equation of the type (3.3.2) are called general Wiener-Hopf equations. If  $g \equiv I$ , the identity operator, then the problem (3.3.2) is equivalent to finding  $z \in H$  such that

$$TP_k z + \rho^{-1} Q_k z = 0 \quad (3.3.3)$$

The detail general theory and applications of Wiener-Hopf equation can be found in [92].

Here we state an equivalence result.

**THEOREM 3.3.1** [67]. The general variational inequality (3.3.1) has a solution  $u \in H$  such that  $g(u) \in K$ , if and only if the Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.2) has a solution  $z \in H$ , where

$$z = g(u) - \rho T(u) \quad (3.3.4)$$

$$g(u) = P_k z \quad (3.3.5)$$

where  $P_k$  is projection of  $H$  in to  $K$  and  $\rho > 0$  is a constant.

**PROOF.** Let  $u \in H$  be such that  $g(u) \in K$  is a solution of (3.3.1). Then by Lemma (1.2.1), it follows that

$$g(u) = P_k [g(u) - \rho Tu] \quad (3.3.6)$$

Using  $Q_k = I - P_k$  and applying (3.3.6) repeatedly, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_k[g(u) - \rho Tu] &= g(u) - \rho Tu - P_k[g(u) - \rho Tu] \\
 &= -\rho Tu \\
 &= -\rho T g^{-1} P_k[g(u) - \rho Tu]
 \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$Tg^{-1} P_k z + \rho^{-1} Q_k z = 0$$

where  $z = g(u) - \rho Tu$ ,

Conversely, let  $z \in H$  be a solution of (3.3.2).

Then we have

$$\rho T g^{-1} P_k z = -Q_k z = P_k z - z \quad (3.3.7)$$

Now from (3.3.7) and Lemma (1.2.1), for all  $g(v) \in K$ , we obtain

$$0 \leq \langle P_k z - z, g(v) - P_k z \rangle = \langle \rho T g^{-1} P_k z, g(v) - P_k z \rangle$$

from which it follows that

$$\langle T g^{-1} P_k z, g(v) - P_k z \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } g(v) \in K$$

Thus,  $g(u) = P_k z$  is a solution of (3.3.1), and from (3.3.7), we have

$$z = g(u) - \rho Tu$$



REMARK 3.3.1. If  $g = I$ ,  $T = A$ , then theorem (3.3.1) reduces to theorem (3.2.1) of Shi [73]

### 3.4. CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

In this section, by using the equivalence and by an appropriate rearrangement, Noor [67], suggests a number of iterative algorithms for solving variational inequalities (3.3.1). We also state a result showing that the approximate solutions obtained from iterative algorithms converges to the exact solution of the general Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.2).

(i) The Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.2) can be written as

$$Q_k z = -\rho T g^{-1} P_k z$$

which implies that, using (3.3.5),

$$\begin{aligned} z &= P_k z - \rho T g^{-1} P_k z \\ &= g(u) - \rho T(u) \end{aligned} \tag{3.4.1}$$

Using this formulation Noor [67], suggests the following iterative algorithm for solving the general variational inequalities (3.3.1).

ALGORITHM 3.3.1. For a given  $z_0 \in H$ , compute  $z_{n+1}$  by the iterative scheme

$$g(u_n) = P_k z_n \quad (3.4.2)$$

$$z_{n+1} = g(u_n) - \rho T(u_n), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.4.3)$$

(ii) By an appropriate rearrangement, the general Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.1) can be written in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} z &= P_k z - \rho T g^{-1} P_k z + (I - \rho^{-1}) Q_k z \\ &= u - \rho T u + (1 - \rho^{-1}) Q_k z \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.4)$$

By using (3.3.5) in this formulation, Noor [67] suggests and propose the following iterative algorithm

ALGORITHM 3.4.2. For a given  $z_0 \in H$ , compute  $z_{n+1}$  by the iterative schemes

$$\begin{aligned} g(u_n) &= P_k z_n \\ z_{n+1} &= u_n - \rho T u_n + (1 - \rho^{-1}) Q_k u_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (3.4.5)$$

(iii) If the operator  $T$  is linear and  $T^{-1}$  exists, then the general Wiener-Hopf equations can be written as

$$z = (I - \rho^{-1} g T^{-1}) Q_k z \quad (3.4.6)$$

By using this formulation Noor [67] suggests the following iterative algorithms for solving general variational inequalities.

ALGORITHM 3.4.3. For a given  $z_0 \in H$ , compute  $z_{n+1}$  by the following iterative scheme.

$$z_{n+1} = (I - \rho^{-1} g T^{-1}) Q_k z_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.4.7)$$

Now here we present a convergence result.

THEOREM 3.4.1 [67]. Let  $T, g : H \rightarrow H$  be both strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous operators. If  $z_{n+1}$  is obtained from the iterative scheme (3.4.2)-(3.4.3), and if  $z \in H$  is the exact solution of the general Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.1), then

$$z_{n+1} \rightarrow z, \text{ strongly in } H,$$

for

$$|\rho - \alpha / \beta^2| < \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 4\beta^2(k-k^2)} / \beta^2, \quad \alpha > 2\beta\sqrt{k-k^2}, \quad k > 1$$

PROOF. Let  $z \in H$  satisfy the general Wiener-Hopf equation (3.3.2)., Since equation (3.3.2) can be written as (3.3.5) and (3.4.1). Hence from (3.4.1) and (3.4.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 ||z_{n+1}-z|| &= ||g(u_n)-g(u)-\rho(Tu_n-Tu)|| \\
 &\leq ||u_n-u-(g(u_n)-g(u))|| \\
 &\quad + ||u_n-u-\rho(Tu_n-Tu)|| \qquad (3.4.8)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $T$  and  $g$  are strongly monotone and Lipschitz continuous, that is, there exist constant  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  such that, for all  $u, v \in H$

$$\langle Tu-Tv, u-v \rangle \geq \alpha ||u-v||^2$$

$$||Tu-Tv|| \leq ||u-v||$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
 ||u_n-u-\rho(Tu_n-Tu)||^2 &\leq ||u_n-u||^2 - 2\rho \langle Tu_n-Tu, u_n-u \rangle + ||Tu_n-Tu||^2 \\
 &\leq (1-2\rho\alpha+\beta^2\rho^2) ||u_n-u||^2 \qquad (3.4.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$||u_n-u-(g(u_n)-g(u))||^2 \leq (1-2\sigma+\delta^2) ||u_n-u||^2 \qquad (3.4.10)$$

where  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  are the strong monotonicity constant and Lipschitz continuity constant of operator  $g$ .

Combining (3.4.8), (3.4.9), (3.4.10), we obtain

$$||z_{n+1}-z|| \leq \{k+t(\rho)\} ||u_n-u|| \quad (3.4.11)$$

where  $K = \sqrt{1-2\sigma+\delta^2} \neq 1$ ,  $t(\rho) = \sqrt{1-2\rho\alpha+\rho^2\beta^2}$

From (3.4.2) we have,

$$\begin{aligned} ||u_n-u|| &\leq ||u_n-u-(g(u_n)-g(u))|| + ||P_k z_n - P_k z|| \\ &\leq K ||u_n-u|| + ||z_n-z|| \end{aligned}$$

Using (3.4.10), from which it follows that

$$||u_n-u|| \leq [\frac{1}{(1-k)}] ||z_n-z|| \quad (3.4.12)$$

Thus from (3.4.11) and (3.4.12), we obtain

$$||z_{n+1}-z|| \leq \{(k+t(\rho))/(1-k)\} ||z_n-z|| = \theta ||z_n-z||$$

where  $\theta = (k+t(\rho))/(1-k) < 1$

for  $|\rho-\alpha/\beta^2| < \sqrt{(\alpha^2-4\beta^2(k-k^2))}/\beta^2$ ,  $\alpha > 2\beta\sqrt{k-k^2}$ ,  $k < 1$

Since  $\theta < 1$ , so mapping defined by (3.4.1) has a fixed point **z** which is the solution of (3.3.2). Furthermore, it also follows that  $z_{n+1} \rightarrow z$  strongly in  $H$ .

# CHAPTER-IV

## VECTOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITIES

### 4.1. INTRODUCTION

In 1980, F. Gianessi [30] has introduced the vector variational inequality in a finite dimensional Euclidean space with further application. From that time on, in a general setting Chen and Cheng [13]. Chen and Yang [15] and Chen [16] have derived equivalence between the vector variational inequality and the vector extremum problem, the equivalence between the vector variational inequality and the vector complementarity problem and, proved the existence of the solution of vector variational inequality. Recently Siddiqi, Ansari and Khaliq [87] introduced more general form of vector variational inequality corresponding to general variational inequality introduced by Noor [64], which includes the vector variational inequality studied by Chen [16] as a special case and they proved the existence of its solution which may be seen an extension of the Isac's theorems [40] on the existence of solution for a general variational inequality problem.

In Section 4.2, of this chapter we study the existence of solution for vector variational inequality. In Section 4.3,

we discuss the existence of solution for general vector variational inequality. In the last section, we study the existence without convexity.

#### 4.2. EXISTENCE THEORY FOR SOLUTION OF VECTOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two ordered Banach spaces. Let  $K \subseteq X$  be nonempty, closed and convex, let  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  be a mapping where  $L(X,Y)$  is the space of all linear continuous operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ . Let  $\{C(u):u \in K\}$  be a family of closed, pointed convex cones of  $Y$  such that  $\text{int } C(u) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\forall u \in K$ , where  $\text{int}$  denotes interior.

Consider the vector variational inequality problem:

$$(VV1) \quad u_0 \in K, \langle T(u_0), u - u_0 \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u_0) \\ \forall u \in K \quad (4.2.1)$$

where  $\langle T(u), v \rangle$  denotes the evaluation of linear operator  $T(u)$  at  $v$ . Hence,  $\langle T(u), \cdot \rangle \in Y$ . The above problem is generalization of the classical variational inequality

$$u \in K, \langle T(u), v - u \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in K \quad (4.2.2)$$

when  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L(X,Y) = X^*$ ,  $C(u) = \mathbb{R}_+$ .



DEFINITION 4.2.1 [16]. Let  $T:X \rightarrow L(X,Y)$ . Let  $C = \bigcap_{u \in X} C(u)$  be nonempty.  $T$  is said to be  $C_-$ -monotone if and only if

$$\langle T(v)-T(u), v-u \rangle \in C_- \quad \forall u, v \in K$$

The following lemma plays an important role to prove the theorems (4.2.1) and (4.3.2).

LEMMA 4.2.1 [16]. Let  $(V,P)$  be ordered topological vector space with a closed, pointed and convex cone with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $u, v \in V$ , we have

- (i)  $u-v \in \text{int } P$  and  $u \notin \text{int } P \implies v \notin \text{int } P$ ;
- (ii)  $u-v \in P$  and  $u \notin \text{int } P \implies v \notin \text{int } P$ ;
- (iii)  $u-v \in -\text{int } P$  and  $u \notin -\text{int } P \implies v \notin -\text{int } P$ ;
- (iv)  $u-v \in -P$  and  $u \notin -\text{int } P \implies v \notin -\text{int } P$ .

Now we state the generalization of Minty Lemma [51] for vector variational inequality which plays an important role in the theory of variational inequality.

LEMMA 4.2.2 [16]. Let  $T:X \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  be a  $C_-$ -monotone and hemi-continuous mapping on  $X$ . Then the following problems (I) and (II) are equivalent for any convex subset  $K$  in  $X$ :

$$u \in K, \langle T(u), v-u \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u), \quad \forall v \in K \quad (I)$$

$$u \in K, \langle T(v), v-u \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u), \quad \forall v \in K \quad (II)$$

The following existence theorem is proved by Chen [16].

THEOREM 4.2.1 [16]. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space. Let  $K \subset X$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed, convex subset in  $X$ . Let  $C:K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be multivalued function such that, for every  $u \in K$ ,  $C(u)$  is closed, pointed and, convex cone with  $\text{int } C \neq \emptyset$ . Let the multivalued function  $W(u) = Y \setminus \{-\text{int } C(u)\}$  be upper semi-continuous on  $K$ . Then, the vector variational inequality (4.2.1) is solvable.

DEFINITION 4.2.3 [16]. Let  $K$  be a convex and unbounded subset  $X$ . We shall say that  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  is coercive on  $K$  iff there exist  $u_0 \in K$  and  $s \in C_+^* \setminus \{0\}$ , such that

$$\langle s(T(u) - T(u_0)), u - u_0 \rangle / \|u - u_0\| \rightarrow \infty$$

whenever  $u \in K$  and  $\|u\| \rightarrow \infty$ , here

$$s(T(u)) = s(T(u))$$

and

$$C_+^* = \{\lambda \in Y^*: \langle \lambda, v \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall v \in C_+\}$$

Now we study the existence of solution of vector variational inequality in infinite dimensional spaces by using theorems of alternative.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological vector spaces,  $K$  a non-empty subset of  $X$ ,  $H$  a nonempty subset of  $Y$ , and  $M:K \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping. We study the condition under which the system  
 (S)  $\exists v \in K$ , such that  $M(v) \in H$ , will have or will not have solutions.

DEFINITION 4.2.4 [16]. Let  $Z$  be a subset of  $R$ . The real function  $w:Y \rightarrow R$  is called a weak separation function if and only if

$$H^w = \{h \in Y : w(h) \notin Z\} \supseteq H$$

The real function  $s:Y \rightarrow R$  is called a strong separation function if and only if,

$$H^s = \{h \in Y : s(h) \notin Z\} \subseteq H$$

LEMMA 4.2.3 [16]. Let the set  $H, K, Z$  and  $M$  be given then,

(i) The system (S) and the system

$$w(M(v)) \subseteq Z, \quad \forall v \in K$$

are not simultaneously possible, whatever the weak separation function  $w$  may be.

(ii) The system (S) and the system

$$s(M(v)) \subseteq Z \quad \forall v \in K,$$

are not simultaneously impossible, whatever the strong separation  $s$  may be

**THEOREM 4.2.2** [16]. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $Y$  a Banach space. Let  $K \subset X$  be closed, convex and unbounded subset. Let  $C:K \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a multivalued function such that, for every  $u \in K$ ,  $C(u)$  is a closed, pointed, and convex cone with  $\text{int } C(u) \neq \emptyset$ , and let  $C_- = \bigcap_{u \in K} C(u)$  be such that  $\text{int } C_- = \emptyset$ . Let  $C_+ = \text{conv } \{C(u): u \in K\}$  be a closed, pointed and convex cone in  $Y$ . Let  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  be  $C_-$ -monotone, hemicontinuous and coercive on  $K$ . Then vector variational inequality (4.2.1) is solvable.

**REMARK 4.2.1.** If  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C(u) = \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\forall u \in K$ , the vector variational inequality (4.2.1) reduces to usual variational inequality and theorem (4.2.1) reduces to the following theorem.

**THEOREM 4.2.3** [16]. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space. Let  $K$  be a nonempty, bounded and closed convex subset in  $X$ ; and let  $T:K \rightarrow X^*$  be monotone and hemicontinuous on  $K$ . Then the variational inequality

$$u_0 \in K, \langle T(u_0), u - u_0 \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall u \in K$$

is solvable.

Obviously, the hemicontinuity of  $T$  in theorem (4.2.1) is equivalent to the continuity for each one dimensional flat  $L \subset X$ . Thus the theorem (4.2.3) is essentially the Hartman Stampacchia theorem [36].

#### 4.3. EXISTENCE OF SOLUTION FOR GENERAL VECTOR VARIATIONAL INEQUALITY

Let  $X$  be Hausdorff topological vector space and  $Y$  be an ordered Hausdorff topological vector space. Let  $K$  be a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  is a mapping. Let  $\{C(u):u \in K\}$  be a family of closed, pointed convex cone in  $Y$ , with  $\text{int } C(u) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $u \in K$ . The bilinear form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is supposed to be continuous.

Consider the general vector variational inequality problem:

$$(GVVIP) \quad \begin{cases} \text{Find } u_0 \in K \text{ such that} \\ \langle T(u_0), u - g(u_0) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u_0) \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } u \in K \quad (4.3.1)$$

where  $g:K \rightarrow K$  is a mapping,  $\langle T(u), \cdot \rangle \in Y$ .

SPECIAL CASES:

- (i) For  $g(u) = u \in K$ , the (GVVIP) (4.3.1) is equivalent to (4.2.1).
- (ii) If  $Y = R$ ,  $C(u) = R_+$ , for all  $u \in K$ , then (GVVIP) (4.3.1) reduces to finding  $u_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), u - g(u_0) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u \in K \quad (4.3.2)$$

The inequality (4.3.2) is known as general variational inequality introduced and studied, separately, by Isac [40] and Noor [64].

- (iii) If  $Y = R$ ,  $C(u) = R_+$ , for all  $u \in K$  and  $g$  is the identity mapping then general vector variational inequality problem (4.3.1) become usual variational inequality (4.2.2) introduced and studied by Hartman and Stampacchia [36].

Now we have the following existence results:

**THEOREM 4.3.1** [87]. If  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  and  $g:K \rightarrow K$  are continuous mappings, the multivalued map  $W(u) = Y \setminus \{-\text{int } C(u)\}$  is upper semicontinuous on  $K$  and  $\langle T(u), u - g(u) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u)$  for every  $u \in D$ . Then there exists an  $u_0 \in D \subset K$ , such that

$$\langle T(u_0), u - g(u_0) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u_0), \text{ for all } u \in D \subset K$$

THEOREM 4.3.2 [87]. Assume that

- 1° The mapping  $g:K \rightarrow K$  and  $T:K \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  are continuous.
- 2°  $C:K \rightarrow Y$  is multivalued mapping such that for every  $u \in K$ ,  $C(u)$  is closed pointed convex cone with  $\text{int } C(u) \neq \emptyset$ .
- 3°  $W:K \rightarrow Y$  is an upper semicontinuous multivalued mapping defined as  $W(u) = Y \setminus \{-\text{int } C(u)\}$ ;
- 4° There exists a function  $h:X \times X \rightarrow Y$  such that
  - (i)  $\langle T(u), v-g(u) \rangle - h(u,v) \in -\text{int } C(u)$ ,
  - (ii) the set  $\{v \in K : h(u,v) \in -\text{int } C(u)\}$ , is convex for every  $u \in K$ ,
  - (iii)  $h(u,u) \notin -\text{int } C(u)$ , for all  $u \in K$ ,
  - (iv) there exists a nonempty compact convex subset  $D \subset K$  such that for every  $u \in K \setminus D$ , there exist a point  $v \in D$  such that

$$\langle T(u), v-g(u) \rangle \in -\text{int } C(u)$$

Then there exist a point  $u_0 \in D$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), v-g(u_0) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u_0), \text{ for all } v \in K$$

COROLLARY 4.3.1. Suppose that condition (1°)-(3°) of theorem (4.3.2) is satisfied and also assume

4.  $\langle T(u), u - g(u) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u), \forall u \in K$   
 5. There exist a nonempty compact convex subset  $D \subset K$  such that for every  $u \in K \setminus D$ , there exist a point  $v \in D$  with

$$\langle T(u), v - g(u) \rangle \in -\text{int } C(u)$$

Then there exist a point  $u_0 \in D \subset K$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), v - g(u_0) \rangle \notin -\text{int } C(u_0) \text{ for all } v \in K$$

#### 4.4. EXISTENCE THEORY WITHOUT CONVEXITY.

In this section, we study the existence theorems for vector variational and general vector variational inequality by replacing convexity assumption with merely topological properties.

Now we consider the following vector variational inequality (VVI)'

$$u_0 \in X, \langle T(u_0), u - u_0 \rangle \notin -\text{int } P, \forall u \in X$$

where  $(Y, P)$  is an ordered Banach space, with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ ; and  $T: X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  is a mapping.

Now we state the following existence results.



THEOREM 4.4.1 [87]. Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  be an H-space, and  $(Y, P)$  be an ordered Banach space with a closed, pointed, and convex cone  $P$  such that  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ , let  $T: X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  be a continuous mapping such that

- (i)  $\forall v \in X, B_v = \{u \in X, \langle T(v), u-v \rangle \in \text{int } P\}$  is H-convex or empty
- (ii) there exist a compact set  $L \subset X$  and an H-compact set  $K \subset X$ , such that, for every weakly H-convex set  $D$  with  $K \subset D \subset X$ , we have
 
$$\{v \in D : \langle T(v), u-v \rangle \notin -\text{int } P, \forall u \in X\} \subset L$$

Then, the vector variational inequality (VVIP)' (4.4.1) is solvable.

We now consider the general vector variational inequality

$$(GVVI)' \quad u_0 \in X, \langle T(u_0), u-g(u_0) \rangle \notin -\text{int } P, \forall u \in X,$$

where  $(Y, P)$  is an ordered Banach space with  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ , and  $T: X \rightarrow L(X, Y)$  and  $g: X \rightarrow X$  are the mappings.

Then we have the following existence result.

THEOREM 4.4.2 [87]. Let  $(X, \{\Gamma_A\})$  be an H-space and let  $(Y, P)$  be an ordered topological vector space with a closed

pointed convex cone and a nonempty interior  $\text{int } P \neq \emptyset$ . Assume that

1. The mappings  $T:X \rightarrow L(X,Y)$  and  $g:X \rightarrow Y$  are continuous.
2.  $\langle T(v), v-g(v) \rangle \notin -\text{int } P$  for all  $v \in X$ ;
3. for every  $v \in X$ ,  $B_v = \{u \in X, \langle T(v), u-g(v) \rangle \in \text{int } P\}$  is  $H$ -convex or empty.
4. There exist a compact set  $L \subset X$  and an  $H$ -compact set  $K \subset X$  such that for every weakly  $H$ -compact set  $D$  with  $K \subset D \subset X$ .

$$\{v \in D : \langle T(v), u-g(v) \rangle \notin -\text{int } P, \text{ for all } u \in D\} \subset L$$

Then general vector variational inequality (GVVI)', (4.4.2) is solvable.

# CHAPTER-V

## VARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITIES

### 5.1. INTRODUCTION

In recent years the theory of variational inequalities has been extended and generalized in various directions, because of its application in different branches of science, engineering, optimization, economics, equilibrium theory etc. The variational-like inequality problem is one of the generalized form of the variational inequality problem, which was introduced and studied by Parida, Sahoo and Kumar [69] in 1989. They proved the existence of its solution in  $R^n$  and have shown its relationship with mathematical programming. Recently, Siddiqi, Ansari and Khaliq [85] developed a theory for existence the solution of variational-like inequalities in reflexive Banach spaces and topological vector spaces. Yang and Chen [93] introduced a wider class of nonconvex functions known as semi-preinvex function which includes the pre-invex function [17], and arcwise connected convex functions [5]. They have shown that variational-like inequality is a necessary condition and also a sufficient condition for a mathematical programming for invex function [52]. They also proved some existence results in  $R^n$ .

In Section 5.2, we study the solution of variational-like inequality in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . In Section 5.3, we study the existence of a solution of variational-like inequality problem in the setting of reflexive Banach spaces. Existence theory in Hausdorff topological vector space is discussed in Section 5.4. While Section 5.5 deals with existence theory without convexity.

## 5.2. EXISTENCE THEORY OF VARIATIONAL-LIKE INEQUALITY IN $\mathbb{R}^n$

Let  $K$  be closed convex subset in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T:K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuous maps then the problem of finding  $u_0 \in K$ , such that

$$\langle T(u_0), \eta(u, u_0) \rangle \geq 0, \forall u \in K \quad (5.2.1)$$

is called variational-like inequality problem studied by Parida, Sahoo and Kumar [69].

We need the following definitions:

DEFINITION 5.2.1 [69]. A mapping  $T:K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be  $\eta$ -monotone if there exists a continuous map  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle + \langle T(u), \eta(v, u) \rangle \leq 0 \quad (5.2.2)$$

$T$  is said to be strictly  $\eta$ -monotone over  $K$  if the equality hold in (5.2.2) only when  $v = u$ .

NOTE: If  $\eta(u, v) = u - v$  definition (5.2.1) reduces to definition of monotone functions.

DEFINITION 5.2.2 [69]. Let  $\Psi: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be differentiable. Then  $\Psi$  is  $\eta$ -convex on  $K$  if there exist a continuous map  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that

$$\Psi(v) - \Psi(u) \geq \langle \nabla \Psi(u), \eta(v, u) \rangle, \quad \forall u, v \in K \quad (5.2.3)$$

It is known that  $\Psi$  is convex on  $K$  if  $\nabla \Psi$  is monotone on  $K$ .

Now we state the following existence theory.

THEOREM 5.2.1.[69]. Let  $K$  be a compact and convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , and let  $T: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be two continuous maps. Suppose that

$$\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle = 0, \quad \forall u \in K \quad (5.2.4)$$

for each fixed  $u \in K$ , the function

$$\langle T(u), \eta(v, u) \rangle \text{ is quasiconvex in } v \in K.$$

Then  $\exists u_0 \in K$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), \eta(u, u_0) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall u \in K$$

CONDITION 5.2.1. Let  $K$  be closed convex set in  $R^n$ . Let  $T:K \rightarrow R^n$  and  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow R^n$  be two continuous maps, such that

(I)  $\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle = 0$ , and

(II) for each fixed  $u \in K$ , the function  $\langle T(u), \eta(v, u) \rangle$  is convex in  $v \in K$

Notice that  $K_r = \{u: u \in K \text{ and } ||u|| < r, \text{ for } r > 0\} \subseteq K$  is compact and convex, and hence, by theorem (5.2.1) there exists at least one  $u_r \in K_r$  such that

$$\langle T(u_r), \eta(u, u_r) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall u \in K_r \quad (5.2.5)$$

Whenever condition (5.2.1) is satisfied.

Since compactness is very strong condition as in theorem (5.2.1), now by relaxing the compactness condition, we state the following theorem (5.2.2) which is generalization of (5.2.1).

THEOREM 5.2.2 [69]. Let  $K, T$  and  $\eta$  be such that condition (5.2.1) is satisfied. A necessary and sufficient condition that there exist a solution to (5.2.1) is that there exist an  $r > 0$  such that a solution  $u_r \in K_r$  of (5.2.5) satisfies the estimate

$$||u_r|| < r$$

Now, by using theorem (5.2.2) we give three other important

sufficient condition for the existence of a solution to (5.2.1)

THEOREM 5.2.3 [69]. Let  $K$ ,  $\eta$  and  $T$  be such that the condition (5.2.1) is satisfied. Then the variational-like inequality problem has a solution under each of the following conditions.

(I) there exist a  $x \in K$  and a scalar  $r > ||x||$  such that

$$\langle T(u), \eta(x, u) \rangle \leq 0, \text{ for all } u \text{ with } ||u|| = r \quad (5.2.6)$$

(II) for some constant  $r > 0$ , and for each  $u \in K$  with

$||u|| = r$ , there is a  $x \in K$  with  $||x|| < r$  and

$$\langle T(u), \eta(x, u) \rangle \leq 0$$

(III) there exist a nonempty, compact and convex subset  $C$

of  $K$  with the property that for every  $u \in K \setminus C$

there exists a  $x \in C$  such that

$$\langle T(u), \eta(x, u) \rangle < 0 \quad (5.2.7)$$

Generally, the solution of the variational-like inequality may not be unique. There is however a very natural condition which ensures uniqueness.

THEOREM 5.2.4.[69]. Let  $T:K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be continuous over the closed convex set  $K$ . If  $T$  is strictly monotone over  $K$ , then there can exist at most one solution to the variational like inequality problem.



A well known fact in mathematical programming is that the variational inequality problem has a close relation with the optimization problem.

DEFINITION 5.2.3 [93]. Let  $f(u)$  on  $R^n$  is real differentiable function with the gradient  $\nabla f(u)$ , which satisfies: for every  $u, v \in R^n$ , there exist a vector  $\eta(v, u) \in R^n$ , such that

$$f(v) \geq f(u) + \langle \nabla f(u), \eta(v, u) \rangle$$

Then the function  $f$  is called invex function

DEFINITION 5.2.4 [93]. A real differentiable function  $f$  defined on  $R^n$ ,  $f: K \subseteq R^n \rightarrow R$  is invex if, for  $u, v \in K$ , there exist a vector  $\eta(v, u) \in R^n$ , such that,  $\forall \alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u + \alpha\eta(v, u) \in K$ , and

$$f(u + \alpha\eta(v, u)) \leq \alpha f(v) + (1 - \alpha)f(u)$$

such a function is called pre-invex function with respect to  $\eta(v, u)$  and the property "for each  $u, v \in K$ ,  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u + \alpha\eta(v, u) \in K$ " is called  $\eta$ -connectedness.

Now we define an unconstrained optimization problem as follows:

(P<sub>1</sub>) Minimize  $f(u)$ ,  $\forall u \in K$ , where  $K$  is a subset of  $n$ -dimensional euclidean space  $R^n$ ,  $f: K \rightarrow R$ .

Now we state the following theorem, which shows equivalence between variational like inequality with problem  $(P_1)$ .

THEOREM 5.2.5 [93]. Let  $K$  be a subset in  $R^n$  having  $\eta$ -connectedness,  $u_0 \in K$ , and  $f$  be differentiable at  $u_0$  and  $T(u_0) = \nabla f(u_0)$ . Then the two statements holds good.

- (I) If  $u_0$  is a minimum of problem  $(P_1)$ , then  $u_0$  is a solution of variational-like inequality (5.2.1)
- (II) If  $f$  is a invex function with respect to  $\eta(v,u)$ ,  $u_0$  is a solution of (5.2.1), then  $u_0$  is a minimum of problem  $(P_1)$ .

### 5.3. EXISTENCE IN REFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES.

Let  $E$  be reflexive Banach space and  $K$  be a non-empty closed convex subset of  $E$ . We denote  $2^E$ , the set of all non empty subsets of  $E$  and by  $\text{Conv}(A)$ , for all  $A \subset E$  the convex hull of  $A$ .

DEFINITION 5.3.1. A mapping  $T:E \rightarrow E^*$  is said to be  $\eta$ -monotone if there exists a continuous mapping  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow E$ , such that

$$\langle T(u)-T(v), \eta(u,v) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u,v \in K$$

It is well known that Minty lemma [51] plays an important role in the theory of variational inequalities, the extension of this lemma for variational-like inequalities is as follows:

LEMMA 5.3.1 [85]. Let  $T:K \rightarrow E^*$  be  $\eta$ -monotone and hemicontinuous mapping on  $K$ . Also, let  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow E$  be continuous mapping which is linear in the first argument and  $\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle = 0$ , for all  $u \in K$ , then  $u$  satisfies

$$u \in K : \langle T(u), \eta(u, v) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } v \in K \quad (5.3.1)$$

If and only if satisfies

$$u \in E : \langle T(v), \eta(v, u) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } v \in K \quad (5.3.2)$$

Now we have the following existence result:

THEOREM 5.3.1 [85]. Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space and let  $K$  be nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  such that

1.  $T:K \rightarrow E^*$  is  $\eta$ -monotone and hemicontinuous on  $K$ ,
2.  $\eta:K \times K \rightarrow E$  is continuous mapping which is linear in the first argument.
3.  $\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle = 0$ , for all  $u \in K$

Then there exists  $u_0 \in K$ , such that

$$\langle T(u_0), \eta(u, u_0) \rangle \geq 0, \quad \text{for all } u \in K.$$

#### 5.4. EXISTENCE THEORY IN HAUSDORFF TOPOLOGICAL VECTOR SPACE

Let  $E$  be Hausdorff topological vector space.  $\langle E, E^* \rangle$  is dual system of locally convex spaces,  $K$  is a closed convex subset of  $E$  and  $D$  is a nonempty compact convex subset of  $K$  then we have the following result.

THEOREM 5.4.1 [85]. Assume that

- (1<sup>o</sup>).  $T: K \rightarrow E^*$  is continuous
- (2<sup>o</sup>).  $\eta: K \times K \rightarrow E$  is continuous
- (3<sup>o</sup>). There exist a real valued function  $h: K \times K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (I)  $\langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle + h(u, v) \geq 0$ , for all  $(u, v) \in K \times K$ ,
- (II) the set  $\{u \in K : h(u, v) > 0\}$  is convex for every  $v \in K$
- (III)  $h(u, u) \leq 0$ , for every  $u \in K$ ,
- (IV) There exist a nonempty compact convex subset  $D$  of  $K$  such that for every  $v \in K \setminus D$ , there exist a point  $u \in D$  with

$$\langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle < 0$$

Then the variational-like inequality (5.2.1) has a solution.

PROOF. For each  $u \in K$ , we denote

$$D(u) = \{v \in D : \langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle \geq 0\}$$

and from assumption  $(\overset{\circ}{1})$  and  $(\overset{\circ}{2})$  we have  $D(u)$  is closed in  $D$ .

We know that every element  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{u \in K} D(u)$  is a solution of the problem (5.2.1), we prove that  $\bigcap_{u \in K} D(u) \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $D$  is compact it is sufficient to show that family  $\{D(u)\}_{u \in K}$  has a finite intersection property.

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m \in K$  be given

We put  $A = \text{Conv}(D \cap \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\})$  and we have that  $A$  is compact convex subset of  $K$ .

We consider the following multivalued mappings:

$$F_1(u) = \{v \in A : \langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle \geq 0\}, \text{ for every } u \in K$$

and

$$F_2(u) = \{v \in A : h(u, v) \leq 0\}, \text{ for every } u \in K$$

Since bilinear form  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is continuous, from assumption  $(\overset{\circ}{1})$  and  $(\overset{\circ}{2})$ , it follows that  $F_1(u)$  is closed subset of a compact convex set  $A$ . Hence  $F_1(u)$  is compact. Also from assumptions  $\overset{\circ}{3}(i)$  and  $\overset{\circ}{3}(iii)$ ,  $F_1(u)$  is nonempty.

Now we prove that  $F_2$  is a KKM-mapping. Indeed, if we suppose that there exists  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$  and  $\alpha_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i \notin \bigcup_{j=1}^n F_2(x_j)$$

then we have

$$h(x_j, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i) > 0, \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq n$$

By assumption  $\overset{\circ}{3}(ii)$ , we have

$$h(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i) > 0$$

which is contradiction to assumption  $\overset{\circ}{3}(iii)$ . Therefore  $F_2$  is a KKM-mapping.

Since from assumption  $\overset{\circ}{3}(i)$ , we have  $F_2(u) \subset F_1(u)$ , for every  $u \in K$ , we obtain that  $F_1$  is also a KKM-mapping.

Applying Theorem (1.2.1) to  $F_1$  we get  $\bigcap_{u \in A} F_1(u) \neq \emptyset$ , that is, there exists a point  $v_0 \in A$ , such that

$$\langle T(v_0), \eta(u, v_0) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u \in A$$

By assumption 3<sup>o</sup>(iv), we have that  $v_0 \in D$  and moreover  $v_0 \in D(u_i)$ , for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

Hence  $\{D(u)\}_{u \in K}$  has a finite intersection property.

COROLLARY 5.4.1. Assume that assumption (1<sup>o</sup>), (2<sup>o</sup>) and (3<sup>o</sup>)(iv) of theorem (5.4.1) are satisfied. Also suppose that

$$\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u \in K.$$

Then the variational-like inequality problem (5.2.1) has a solution.

## 5.5. EXISTENCE THEORY WITHOUT CONVEXITY.

In this section we study the existence theorem for variational-like inequalities, by replacing convexity assumptions with merely topological properties.

Now we state and prove the main theorem of this section as follows:

THEOREM 5.5.1[85]. Let  $(E, \{\Gamma_A\})$  be an H-Banach space,  $T: E \rightarrow E^*$  and  $\eta(.,.) : K \times K \rightarrow E$  be continuous. Assume that

- 1<sup>o</sup>. for each  $v \in E$ ,  $B_v = \{x \in E : \langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle < 0\}$  is H-convex or empty.
- 2<sup>o</sup>.  $\langle T(u), \eta(u, u) \rangle \geq 0$ , for all  $u \in E$ ,

- 3°. there exist a compact set  $L \subset E$  and an  $H$ -compact set  $K \subset E$ , such that for every weakly  $H$ -convex set  $D$  with  $K \subset D \subset E$

$$\{v \in D : \langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle \geq 0, \text{ for all } u \in D\} \subset L$$

Then there exists an  $u_0$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), \eta(u, u_0) \rangle \geq 0 \text{ for all } u \in E.$$

PROOF. Let

$$F(u) = \{v \in E : \langle T(v), \eta(u, v) \rangle \geq 0\}, \quad u \in E$$

We prove that  $F$  is a  $H$ -KKM-mapping. Suppose that  $F$  is not an  $H$ -KKM mapping. Then there exists a finite subset  $A$  of  $E$  such that

$$\Gamma_A \not\subset \bigcup_{u \in A} F(u)$$

Thus there exists  $z \in \Gamma_A$  such that

$$z \notin F(u), \text{ for all } u \in A$$

that is

$$\langle T(z), \eta(u, z) \rangle < 0, \text{ for all } u \in A.$$

By assumption (I),  $A \subset B_z$  and  $\Gamma_A \subset \Gamma_{B_z}$ , since  $B_z$  is  $H$ -convex. Therefore  $z \in B_z$ ,



$$\langle T(z), \eta(z, z) \rangle < 0,$$

which contradicts assumption 2°. Thus  $\bigcap_{u \in A} F(u)$  for every finite subset  $A$  of  $E$ . Hence  $F$  is an  $H$ -KKM mapping.

Since  $T, \eta(.,.)$  and  $\langle ., . \rangle$  are continuous we have  $F(u)$  is closed for every  $u \in E$ , that is condition (a°) of theorem (1.2.3) holds.

It is easy to see that the assumption (3°) of this theorem and condition (b°) of Theorem (1.2.3) are the same. Thus we have

$$\bigcap_{u \in E} F(u) \neq \emptyset.$$

Hence there exists  $u_0 \in E$  such that

$$\langle T(u_0), \eta(u, u_0) \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } u \in E.$$

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